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Title: ORTHOPEDIC ROD SYSTEM

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This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed 9 July 2008, making a final rejection of the claims. A **LISTING OF CLAIMS** begins on page 2, and **REMARKS** begin on page 5.

As this response is filed within two months of the Office Action mailing date, applicant is entitled to advisory action practice. There is a net reduction in the number of claims, so no excess claim fees are due.

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